GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6420
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WATER CRISIS IN SAFDARJUNG HOSPITAL
NEDURUMALLI JANARDHANA REDDY

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the emergency service of the Safdarjung Hospital has been severely affected due to non-availability of water as reported in the Times of India dated April 21, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether due to non-availability of water and disposable gloves, the Doctors/Nurses are forced to use the unclean gloves repeatedly in the hospital;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): Due to short supply of water from the NDMC and a faulty pump of the Tubewell, the services in the Obst. & Gynae Department were partially affected for three days. The pump has been replaced and the normal supply of water has been restored.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): In view of (c) above, does not arise.

(e): To overcome the shortage of water supply, the situation has been reviewed by the High Powered Idgah Abattoir Committee constituted by the Delhi High Court for supply of adequate and wholesome drinking water in Delhi on 29.4.2003.The following decisions were taken:-

1. A direct line for water supply to Safdarjung Hospital by the Delhi Jal Board.

2. Augmenting the supply of water by the NDMC.

3. Re-boring of the dried tubewell.